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Mr S. Satyamurti :—" Have they made any enquiry at all ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " No."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" Will they make it now ? "

Management of criminal settlements by social workers.

* 872-C Q.—The Zamindar of Gollapalli : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether during 1926–27 or 1927–28 any social workers offered to take up the work connected with the criminal settlements if entrusted and, if so, who they were and what was the Government's reply to them ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to change the management and, if not, why not ?

A.—M.R.Ry. Ramjee Rao Garu, M.L.C., requested the Government in 1927 to transfer to his charge the Sitanagaram and Stuartpuram settlements in the Guntur district. He was told that the transfer could not be made. The Salvation Army authorities are managing the settlements efficiently and the Government do not consider it desirable to change the present management.

Emigration

Working hours in the emigration depot at Avadi.

* 873-A Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical officer in charge of the emigration depot, Avadi, extracts work from labourers, both male and female, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and

(b) whether it is a fact that women emigrants are made to gather cow-dung in the forests throughout the day in the months of May, June and July ?

A.—The Government have no information but will enquire.

Inspection of the Avadi emigration depot by honorary visitors.

* 873-B Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical officer in charge of the emigration depot at Avadi, in the Chingleput district, refuses to allow honorary visitors to inspect the depot without his previous permission ;

(b) whether the Government have received any complaints that the medical officer treated Mr. M. Seshachariyar, an honorary visitor, with scant courtesy since he tried to inspect the depot without the previous permission of the officer ;

(c) whether there is any rule that honorary visitors should visit the depots only after giving previous notice and after obtaining the permission of the medical officer ; and

(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative, what the purpose of the visit of non-official honorary visitors to the depot is and what are their duties ?

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A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) There is no such rule.

(*d*) Does not arise.

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—"In view of the fact that Government is not in possession of the information, may I ask the hon. the Home Member if he will answer the question as soon as the information is available ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I shall consider the suggestion"

Appointment of honorary visitor to the emigration depot at Avadi.

* 873-C Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Mr. V. Varadachariyar, village munsif of Paruthippattu, was selected by the Government as an honorary visitor for the emigration depot at Avadi ;

(*b*) whether the Commissioner of the emigration depot objected to the appointment of the gentleman referred to in clause (*a*) ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that at the intervention of the Labour Commissioner, the District Revenue Officers persuaded Mr. V. Varadachariyar to resign his post ;

(*d*) whether Mr. Varadachariyar has since resigned his post ;

(*e*) whether the Government in making appointments of honorary visitors do so in accordance with the opinion of the Commissioner of the emigration depot ; and

(*f*) whether in the first instance, the appointment of Mr. Varadachariyar was objected to by the Commissioner of the emigration depot, but was approved by the Protector of Emigrants ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.

(*e*) The Government do not consult the Emigration Commissioner in making the appointments of non-official visitors to emigration depots.

(*f*) The Government have no information.

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—"With reference to (*c*), may I crave your leave to ask the Labour Commissioner if he has intervened in the matter ?"

The hon the President :—"I do not think any hon. Member of the House can be subjected to answering a question till the matter is actually under the consideration of the House. If the hon. Member (Mr. Muthuranga Mudaliyar) can so manage as to bring the matter to the consideration of the House then he will be in a position to put the question to the Labour Commissioner."